

# **FST Advisory Committee Meeting**

## **March 4, 2024 @ 1:00 PM**

**Attendees:** Scott Williams-Moscow FD, Keith Weissenfels-Lewiston FD, Debbie Carpenter-Spirit Lake FPD, Tim Atwood-Weiser Rural FPD, Shannon Tolman-Burley FD, Ken Bowman-Pocatello FD, Steven Berg-Ammon FD, Bill DeRuyter-Coeur d'Alene FD, Justin Capaul-Kootenai County Fire & Rescue, Josh Masterson-Coeur d'Alene FD, Travis Myklebust-Regional Support, Brad Terry-FST Interim Director, Matthew Frisbie-FST Training Coordinator, Cindy Cook-FST Testing Coordinator, Sandi Wiensz-FST Technical Records Support

### **Old Business:**

- **Flash Over Trailer)-** The flashover trailer will not be repaired because of the cost involved and the concerns around moving the equipment. Instead, the flashover trailer will be offered up to the fire community. An application is being put together and will be made available to the fire departments. The department who does eventually take the flashover trailer will do so understanding they will be responsible for moving the trailer and, should the trailer remain in storage past the 30 days that the department takes possession of the trailer, the fire department will be responsible for paying the storage fees until the trailer is finally moved.
- **Ice Rescue Equipment)-** A full set of Dive Rescue equipment has been purchased. For now, the equipment will be held by Marcella Reed. She is our only Ice Rescue Instructor at this

point in time. In the next fiscal year, FST will be purchasing two Mustang suits, 2 helmets, and one dive rescue board.

- **FST Funding Appropriation)**- We are waiting for the final Legislative approval of FST's budget allotment.
- **Academies)**- SIFA 2024- Brad Terry and Matthew Frisbee attended from FST. 65 departments participated; 492 students participated; 29 events; 23 Instructors. Certificates of Completion were mailed out to the departments March 4, 2024
- **Academies)**- Clearwater 2024 – Events, equipment, instructors, hotel rooms have all been coordinated. Brad Terry and Cindy Cook will be attending this year's Academy
- **Equivalency Update Re-Write)**- FST is working on our SOG's to ensure that they align with our Equivalency processes. Brad Terry will be sending out an email to the Advisory Council, asking for assistance in updating the SOG's. (Travis Myklebust and Bill DeRuyter have already offered their assistance with this project!)
- **Testing/Scantron)**- To date, two Fire Officer I test banks have been entered into Scantron. The Fire Officer I **Online** class is on hold for now.
- **Heavy Rescue Grant)**- Planning had not been set in place for the expenditure of this grant money and we, therefore, are not able to access all of the funds associated with the grant. We are, however, able to use \$25,000 from the grant for purchasing new Forcible Entry equipment. The cost to FST will be between \$3,000 to \$5, 000.

## **New Business:**

- **IFSAC Certification)**- FST is due for recertification in 2025. FST staff will be busy preparing for this in the Fall.
- **Testing)**- FST will be transitioning from HazMat 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition to HazMat 4<sup>th</sup> Edition. Tests associated with the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition will need to be validated. FST will be reaching out to the field for assistance in this process. To date, we have Scott Williams and Travis Myklebust who have offered to assist in this process.
- **Survey)**- Still in process
- **Instructor/Mentor Process/SOG)**- FST is currently working on clarifying our processes. Suggestions/shared knowledge from the Advisory Committee is vital to this process.
- **LIGHT MY FIRE Grant)**- This is a Grant that is available for smaller fire departments. Kaitlyn Griffin, CTE Outreach Coordinator shared this information with FST. Her father is a retired firefighter, who works for Prevention at Caldwell Fire Dept and is involved in the “Light My Fire” grant program.

- **IFSTA Resource One Access for Instructors)**- Brad shared with the Advisory Committee the availability of access to IFSTA curriculum, through “Resource 1”, to the Fire community.
- **NFA FY 2024 Classes)**- The State gets 9 classes per year. An email will be sent out to the fire chiefs to see which of the NFA classes they might be interested in sponsoring/conducting. The classes are divided up within the Regions here in Idaho and there are 3 classes per region available. Bill Deruyter advised FST that those departments who are interested in conducting one of these classes will need to know that they will be responsible for all of the expense incurred. This will include the requirement to “market” the class to the fire community.
- **Advisory Council Members)- Congratulations** to Jerry Holenbeck, who recently retired from INL. The Advisory Council will now need to vote in a new chair for that position.